Committee was wanting to take the banking sector. The unions, on their part, assured their full commitment towards better customer service, efficiency and accountability to improve the operations of the banking system.

In his concluding remarks, the Governor thanked the unions for their views and assured them that their views would be taken into account while finalising the Reserve Bank's views on the recommendations of the Verma Committee. He also urged the Unions to take an integrated view of all the recommendations made by the Committee in various aspects of strengthening the weak banks. A balanced package with co-operation of all concerned had to be worked out in the long term interest of these banks.

Top Loan Defaulters of IDBI, ICICI and IFCI

158. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over Rs. 2500 crore of the combined loan portfolio of Financial Institutions IDBI, ICICI and IFCI is locked in legal suits as on 31st March, 1999;

(b) if so, which are the top loan defaulters having outstanding balance of Rs. 50 crore or more for repayment to these three FIs as on March, 31 1999; and

(c) what steps are being taken to tackle such huge Non-performing Assets (NPAs) problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that there are six companies in the portfolio of three financial institutions viz. IDBI, IFCI, ICICI having outstanding assistance of Rs. 50 crores or more in respect of which suits have been filed for recovery of dues. Names of individual constituents however, cannot be divulged in accordance with the preactices and usages customary amongst banks and in conformity with provisions of statutes govering public sector banks and financial institutions as also the

provisions of Public Financial Institutions (Obligation as to fidelity and Secrecy) Act, 1983.

(c) In order to tackle the problems of NPAs, Financial Institutions have formulated long term and short term plans which *inter-alia* include close monitoring of NPAs, regular review with borrower, discussions, periodical visits to units, financial restructuring one time settlement of dues, working out rehabilitation packages for potentially viable units, cautious approach in lending, resorting to take-over/merger of sick units-problem units by stronger companies and asking nominee directors to persue the matters at board level. If the defaultes are still not cleared legal procedures are initiated.

Financial position of Orissa Government

159. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial position of the Government of Orissa is under severe strain as per the white paper released recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details of fiscal corrective measures suggested to the State Government?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Orissa have prepared a programme for fiscal reform which is aimed at reducing revenue and fiscal deficits through additional resource mobilisation, reduction in non-plan expenditure, pricing/subsidy corrections, etc.

Amounts accumulated in abandoned Policies of LIC

160. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been accumulated with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) so far on account of the abandoning of the policies by the policy holders;

(b) the purpose for which that money is being used; and

(c) the reasons for the money not being returned to the policy holders who abandoned their policies?